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Mexico.

Politics does not enter into responsible American calculations about Mexico. Nobody with the proper appreciation of matters thinks of intervention except as a last resort. Every intelligent person understands what intervention would mean to us as a task. We should incur a heavy expense, and might find the task not only difficult but protracted.

The only possible effect of the suggestion that Mr. Taft is considering the question from the viewpoint of his personal fortunes is an anti-American sentiment in Mexico. Many Mexicans have been asked to believe that we are eager to cross the border, and have conquest and annexation in mind. To such men this charge about the President should reach them, and it would prove infamously. They would become more strongly anti-American than ever. They would quicken with increased indignation at the idea of their country becoming a mere pawn in the American political game.

At home here the matter is well understood. There are two reasons why Mr. Taft cannot be convicted of the charge made. (1) He is far above such a calculation, and (2) if he were capable of it he would not need it in his campaign. He is moving steadily and surely toward triumph at Chicago, and will reach goal by the legitimate means at his command. He has no need to consider forcing the hand of Congress and plunging the country into war in order to make certain of re-election.

Were war to come we should see both parties and all the nation unite for successful prosecution. Mr. Roosevelt would at once be relieved of his present absurd company and mortifying embarrassment, for the chances are nine in ten that he would be prompt to offer his services and take the field as a soldier, probably at the head of another regiment of Rough Riders. And Mr. Bryan might feel the fever again, as when the war with Spain broke out and he got ready to go to Cuba.

The President is under no suspicion at home in any quarter of consequence. It is not for the first time facing difficulties in Mexico. They are getting to be an old story. He faced them when Diaz was challenged by Madero; and they have continued ever since. It is not as if the turmoil had suddenly broken out, catching him busy with home affairs and therefore at a disadvantage in having hurriedly to assume his duty as to foreign affairs. He has had to keep Mexican affairs more or less in mind for over a year.

The government is well represented at the Mexican capital, and the President is well advised as to all material developments of the revolt against Madero. He is not in the dark, and not in any mischievous, jingo mood.

Robert L. Taylor.

Senator Taylor's death shocks a large circle of friends, to whom he was personally and fondly known as a friend, and a still larger circle of those who knew him in his public capacity. Still a comparatively young man, being only sixty-one years of age, his career had nevertheless been exceptionally active, touching the public interest at many different points. He was unusually fitted for service in office, possessing the qualities that make for success in legislation or in executive position. When political and financial adversity overtook him he turned his talents to account, and for a long period was a familiar figure on the lecture circuit, giving large numbers of people wholesome entertainment in the course of his unique combination of oratory and music. Probably "Bob" Taylor was more satisfactory as a contributor to the public diversion than many whose clearings are more profound and sedate. He touched a chord of sympathy in those who heard him and they forthwith became his friends, and they now feel a personal grief at his untimely death.

Lady Warwick declares that the American newspaper men always printed exactly what she said, and were most courteous. It is always a pleasure to the patient scribe to meet a celebrity who speaks he can quote accurately without fear of contradiction.

The Russians will contemplate with characteristic interest the charges made in New York that the military had been ordered for terms of long imprisonment without impartial process of law.

No political contest is ever carried through without developing more or less demand for a recall of the decisions of election judges.

It is difficult to see how the great parties can determine on platforms without some extent duplicating one another's planks.

Bryan and Harmon.

Mr. Bryan is on the eve of carrying his war on Gov. Harmon into the latter's own state. He will spend two days on the stump in Ohio this month. Will his visit hurt or help the Harmon cause? There is some Wilson sentiment in Ohio, but the Governor of New Jersey declines to cultivate it. He has refused an invitation to speak in the state. There is also some Clark sentiment, but the speaker is not cultivating it. And Gov. Wilson count Ohio as Gov. Harmon's own.

Not being an avowed candidate for the Baltimore nomination himself, Mr. Bryan seems to feel at liberty to go where he pleases. He is very much opposed to the Harmon boom, and has decided to tackle it right where it lives. He would probably do the same thing if any opposition to Mr. Underwood existed in Alabama. The Alabamaian also is on his black list. But the Alabama democracy is not so far from the fact that there is no opening for interference from the outside.

Mr. Bryan should improve this opportunity to make plainer his reasons for backing the Buckeye governor, those

attributed to him lack force. Why should this late day hold Gov. Harmon to account for the latter's bid in 1906, when he has forgiven other men the same offense? The bolters of that year were numerous, and many of them are now in Mr. Bryan's good graces. Gov. Wilson is one, and yet Mr. Bryan in public has praised him highly.

And what is the authority for the charge—which Mr. Bryan seems to accept—that Gov. Harmon is Wall street's candidate? The same charge has been made as to Mr. Underwood, and Mr. Clark is said to be much respected in New York circles. Wall street itself is mum, of course. It is much too busy to publicly manifest its feelings, whatever they may be. It is aware of its unpopularity in the political world, and, however much it might favor a candidate, would not think of weighting him down with an open endorsement.

The anti-Harmon movement in Ohio is making some strange bedfellows. Mr. Bryan himself is in company he has never kept before. In his time he has been, and is today, quite as objectionable to some of Gov. Harmon's home antagonists as Gov. Harmon is to him. They have deposed his distinguished home on the party, and next to their fear of Gov. Harmon's nomination is their fear of a deadlock at Baltimore with Mr. Bryan as the key. And yet they welcome an exercise of his strength as against Gov. Harmon.

Meanwhile Gov. Harmon, copying Mr. Taft's tactics toward Mr. Roosevelt, is holding his peace toward Mr. Bryan, and asking for support at Baltimore on issues he considers democratic, and which he states conservatively.

Children at Large and at Home.

Two boys have just been arraigned in the juvenile court for various forms of disorderly conduct whose cases are in a way typical of the juvenile problem presented in all large cities. They have been the habit of going out at night to play and roam about at some distance from their homes. One of them was asked by the judge why he did this, and he replied that he "just wanted to get a little fresh air." Of course, this was an obvious excuse. The fresh air did not tempt him as much as the freedom and excitement of street life after dark, and probably if the facts were known this boy's home surroundings were not especially attractive to him. In an appalling number of instances the home life is unpleasant to the children. There is little or no effort on the part of parents to keep the youngsters entertained within domestic range. In the first place, they are kept to the performance of regular tasks in houses where the work is done by the members of the family, and in other establishments, where servants are employed, they are held to studies after the dinner hour, and if any parental restraint is exercised it usually takes the form of the enforcement of early retirement. What wonder that many children, seeking diversion, go out of doors and make their way down to the brightly lighted streets? Who can really blame them for their wanderings? A child is naturally sociable and playful, and wants entertainment and companionship. If he cannot find it home he will find it elsewhere. If he is restrained at home by rule without sociability and family affection he will devise ways and means of escaping the parental restrictions. He learns to cheat and lie in order to get freedom. The girls are quite as likely as the boys to fall into deceptive ways when they find home conditions unpleasant. No matter how much care is exercised in supervision, poor results are achieved when the parents are harsh, severe and unqualified by kindness and consideration. The truth of the matter is that in a great number of cases children are rated as a nuisance rather than a blessing. Parental love expresses itself in peculiar ways sometimes, and the child is not likely to appreciate the tenderness which finds voice in harsh speech and the interest which is manifested in the denial of some privilege or pleasure. If there were more frankness and companionship between the elders and the youngsters there would be little trouble about keeping the children entertained at home.

A curfew law is needed largely because the young people, finding home unattractive, go into the streets and places of public amusement to find relaxation from their studies and tasks. Washington today should have the assistance of such a law in bringing the parents to a keener realization of their responsibilities.

A natural instinct of caution would lead men who have the responsibility of deciding whether there shall be a coal strike to see that their own particular fuel bins are supplied by the most trustworthy and uncompromising attitude.

The good-natured smile that Mr. Taft is still depicted as wearing seems to be a source of particular irritation to his old friend Col. Roosevelt.

Senator La Follette may be tempted to contend that a number of his former allies have already boiled the real progressive ticket.

A version of the "houn' dawg" song might be added into the ring with the refrain, "You want to stop kicking my hat around."

Nobody is looming up in Mexico who looks as if he had a chance of equaling Diaz in the presidential endurance test.

The list of April is recognized as exercising almost as much influence on the spring climate as Ground Hog day.

It is a slow day in New York politics when Chairman Barker is not given an opportunity to wax words.

Every Citizen an Inspector.

At the "clean-up week" meeting Saturday night at the Public Library representatives of the District health office endeavored to make it plain to the people that there is no difficulty in the way of getting official action when insanitary places are found and reported. The health office cannot of its own initiative find the dirty corners and back yards, for lack of inspection force, but it is in a position to move against them whenever it finds them. Thus the entire body of citizens may become an inspection force and cooperate with the authorities. A telephone message or a postal card sent to the health office regarding an unsightly place, or a germ-breeding pile of refuse will produce results. The District government has methods that are in general effective in compelling the owners or occupants of insanitary property to abate nuisances.

No citizen should hesitate about reporting any insanitary condition coming to his notice. It is distinctly his business to let the authorities know where there is filth, and he should be as explicit as possible giving the most precise directions as to locality. The health office now gets complaints occasionally on conditions that need attention, but in vague and misleading terms, putting the officials to a maximum of trouble in searching with a minimum of results.

Some people hesitate about reporting matters of this kind for fear of giving offense to neighbors or starting trouble. There is no need of such squeamishness. The health office will carefully preserve the anonymity of those who are helping it to perform its functions. There should be no qualms of conscience about letting the District government know of the things that need to be done to protect the

health of the community. Indeed, it is a duty to note and report everything that is in the way of dirt can be neglected safely. If every one would try to bring the conditions around him up to his own standard Washington would soon be an ideally clean city, and this can be done if the individual householders will constitute themselves unofficial inspectors and keep the health office fully notified of insanitary conditions.

Detective Burns continues to manifest a disposition to give Samuel Gompers the third degree by the correspondence method.

The wear-and-tear items of expense for an unfortified Panama canal might be considerable as time wears on.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Old Timers.

"Do those stories that statesmen tell give the public an impression that he is a man of mentality?"

"I think so," replied Senator Sorghum; "even if they do not indicate a ready wit they show a long memory."

Art Outclassed by Nature.

Said the bird, as an alrshp in front of it skipped.

"Kind Fortune I've reason to thank. Because with a gizzard I'm safely equipped Instead of a gasoline tank."

Exaggerated Expectations.

"I'm afraid," said Bronco Bob, "that Flute Pete's ideas of the game is gettin' kind of warped."

"What's the trouble?"

"Every time he picks up a hand he finds less than three aces he thinks it wasn't a square deal."

A Consideration.

"Do you want your wife to vote?"

"I don't mind," replied Sam Growcher. "But I hope they don't make election day costumes too expensive."

Under Suspicion.

"I am afraid that man we sent to Congress is losin' his sympathy with the plain people," said the backwoods constituent.

"What has he been doin'?"

"Tuckin' his napkin under his chin an' usin' a knife instid o' pickin' his pie up with his hands."

Literature Instead of Politics.

"What's the reason voting was so slow?"

"Well, when a man gets hold of a ballot fourteen feet long, he's liable to hold up the procession a bit while he reads it."

"Gardenin'."

"Git ready for yer gardenin'," says Uncle Hiram Wise.

"Don't sit around an' think that you will git a glad surprise."

With early pease an' other things a-smilin' at a row.

Unless you git outdoors an' tend to business with a hoe.

"Fur gardenin' is purty much like all the things we try."

You can't garden an' leave 'em to the mercy of the sky.

You've got to tend the growin' things on which you've set your heart.

The weeds 'll surely beat 'em if you let 'em git a start.

"If all you seek is pleasant paths in which to set your feet, You can't be the daisies blossom; but they won't be good to eat.

A lot of us would oft be spared a disappointment shock If cabbage an' tomatoes grew as easily as dock."

Our Boys and Cigarettes.

From the Chicago United States commission of education, stated a great truth when he declared at a meeting in Willard Hall that the way to cure the American boy of the cigarette habit is to make an athlete of him. There he went on to say that he was in favor of prohibition by statute to make the boy give up his cigarette. The spirit of contest and the desire for victory will do more toward ridding the boy of his pernicious cigarette habit than any other method for which there may be other passages, with parlor cars, dining cars and coaches, Philadelphia to Washington.

The Cult of Novelty.

From the Boston Herald.

"Nothing new under the sun," indeed! Who in our age tamely accepts that? We have been shuffling it off for decades, and are now in the face of fresh reputations. Is anything old, familiar, customary, conventional? Off with its head! Has anything institutional or political served well? 'Tis 'trot' or 'trot' is anything solid or religious becoming, trite, humdrum? Let it feel the transmigrating wheel of fortune! Let it be until the whole of progress might be summed up, without really disparaging it, as a mere power. We have been too lenient with the corporations. A cry goes out from the people. Let the people rule. Let the women vote. Let the men drink and control marriage. And if our diversions cease to divert, arrange poverty parties and found men's clubs; give us the new harmonics with Wagner; let Debussy minister to us with music without melody; let the very spirit of the "turkey trot," "On with the dance, let joy be unconfined!"

The Improvement in Business.

From the New York Herald.

For the rise in prices on the stock exchanges of the country the last few weeks there is just one explanation. Business, relieved of various brakes, is expanding. Those who have been bulls on the country are getting their reward. Reports from every trade center show improvement. Textiles are moving more freely at higher prices, steel and iron products are in better demand, copper is selling at the highest price in five years, bank clearings throughout the breadth and length of the land are increasing, there are practically no idle cars.

Great Interlocutor.

From the Detroit News.

Since Wu Ting-fang is so persistent in wanting to come back to this country as ambassador, he must want to ask some more questions.

After the Recallers.

From the St. Louis Republic.

The Allen fight recall of judges in Virginia is not working as well as the recent Columbus speech by an ex-President promised.

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